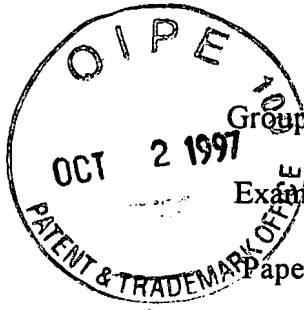


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 4, 1997. Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response thereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace Claims 1 and 3 with Claims 10 and 12, respectively. Additionally, please add the following newly added Claims 13 to 17. Accordingly, claims 2 and 4 to 17 are in this case.

15 ~~10~~ An immunostimulating composition comprising encapsulating microspheres comprised of (a) a biodegradable-biocompatible poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide) as the bulk matrix produced by a solvent evaporation process wherein the molecular weight of the copolymer is between 4,000 to 100,000 daltons and (b) an immunogenic substance consisting of a conformationally native subunit of chronic intracellular pathogen which, in the course of natural infection with that